

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed 8/19/02, Claims 9-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph. Applicant has proposed amendment to said claims to overcome these rejections; it is Applicant's intent to simply reflect the closed loop nature of the method, as was disclosed in the application as originally filed.

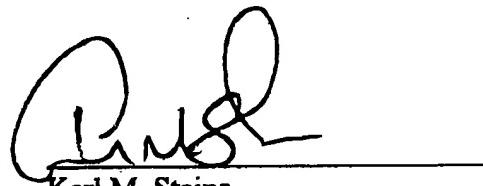
In the subject action, the Examiner further rejected Claims 9-18 as being obvious over the prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicant has proposed amendments to these claims adding apparatus limitations to the method claims, these limitations being consistent with those claims indicated as being allowable in the "Device" application (Serial Number 10/052,757) by this Examiner. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that all amendments be entered such that the rejections will be overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims be allowed, and the case passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this request for reconsideration, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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